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SUBJ: CIVAIR: DRAFTS OF US-SINGAPORE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT

REF: A) STATE 45428, B) SINGAPORE 869, C) 77 STATE 290317

1. EMBOFF WAS CALLED IN BY SIM KEE BOON FEB. 24 SEVERAL
HOURS AFTER LATEST US PROPOSALS (REF A) WERE CONVEYED TO
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

2. SIM IS UNHAPPY WITH THE INCLUSION OF USG-PROPOSED SECTION
C(2) OF ANNEX, SAYING SIA IS CONVINCED ANY CHANGE OF GUAGE
PROVISIONS WOULD BE TO US AIRLINES' ADVANTAGE BUT
THAT HE (SIM) HAD OVERRULED THEM. PROPOSING A CLAUSE IN
THE AGREEMENT WOULD FORMALIZE THE PROBLEM--MAKE IT A MATTER
OF SUBSTANCE--AND SIM DOES NOT WANT TO ALLOW MORE CONTENTIOUS
WRANGLING BETWEEN MINCOMM AND SIA. (EMBASSY COMMENT
ON THIS MATTER WAS CONTAINED REF B.)

3. ON ARELATED MATTER, SIM HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SIA
SAYING THAT THE CAB HAS ASKED, AS PART OF SIA'S APPLI-
CATION FOR A COMBINATION PERMIT, WHETHER OR NOT GOS
WILL ALLOW AIRLINES TO SELF-HANDLE AT CHANGI. SIM ALSO
HAS COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM FLYING TIGER TO SIA'S
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LAW FIRM ANNOUNCING FTL'S INTENTION TO SELF-HANDLE AT
CHANGI. AS SIM POINTS OUT, AND REF C CONFIRMS, THE GOS
DOES NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO ALLOW SELF-HANDLING AT
CHANGI, AT LEAST INITIALLY. (FYI WE SEE NO PROSPECT
OF A CHANGE OF HEART UNLESS PLANS FOR THE AIRPORT OR THE
NEW, COMPETING HANDLING SERVICE GO SERIOUSLY AWRY END FYI.)
WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S COMMENTS, ESPECIALLY ON QUESTION

OF WHETHER FTL WILL ATTEMPT TO BLOCK SIA'S COMBINATION
PERMIT IF IT CANNOT SELF-HANDLE.

4. AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: DURING SIM'S CONVERSATION WITH
MY E.C OFFICER, HE ASKED IF I WOULD ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH HIS
VIEWS EXPRESSED IN PARA 1 AND 2 ABOVE. I DO WISH TO EMPHA-
SIZE THAT REF B REFLECTS MY OPINION; THAT A PRECEDENT FOR
ALLOWING CHANGE OF EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN SET THROUGH THE FTL
APPROVAL HERE; AND THAT I AM MOST ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE
THIS AIR AGREEMENT. TO DATE, SIA'S CARGO APPLICATION IS
STILL PENDING AT THE WHITE HOUSE, THERE APPEAR TO BE POTENTIAL
PROBLEMS WITH THEIR COMBINATION APPLICATION AND WE DO
NOT HAVE A FORMAL BASIS FOR CONSULTING ON THESE
PROBLEMS. THE DRAFT AGREEMENT DOES PROVIDE
A CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM FOR SETTLING
DISPUTES, AND IN ADDITION, SIM HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN
HIS ADVOCACY OF A FAIRLY LIBERAL INTERPRETATION OF
THE AGREEMENT. I WOULD HOPE WE CAN NAIL DOWN THIS
ELUSIVE AGREEMENT QUICKLY.

5. AFTER ABOVE WAS TYPED, EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING
LETTER FROM MINCOMM QUOTE: PLEASE DELETE THE
WORDS "BY ITSELF;" APPEARING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WORDS
"WILL BE PERMITTED TO PERFORM" APPEARING IN THE SECOND LINE
OF PAGE 10(A) OF THE DRAFT AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT...
DUE TO AN OVERSIGHT THESE WORDS, I.E. "BY ITSELF;" APPEARING IN...
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YOUR DRAFT ATA...WERE RETAINED IN OUR DRAFT. AS
EXPLAINED TO YOU YESTERDAY, WE WISH TO DELETE THESE TWO
WORDS SINCE THEY DO NOT APPEAR IN THE MEMORANDUM
OF CONSULTATION SIGNED ON 23 SEP 77. UNQUOTE.
HOLDRIDGE

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